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GERMANY—THE WAR OVER

We have just passed the eighth anniversary of the outbreak of the world war.

And what results? A few new nations in place of older nations, new nations destined to bloodshed and suffering to maintain and develop their entity, old nations embittered to battle for their reincarnation.

Of Germany a review indicates a bankrupt nation, but one getting back on its feet. Financial ruin has little meaning. So long as the world will accept German paper money at some price, so long will the printing press turn it out.

It is difficult to get a proper perspective of Germany. Henri Lichtenberger, a professor of the University of Paris, in a twelve day visit to Berlin a few weeks ago, dug out some very interesting facts.

Lichtenberger points out that the German National party has succeeded the old Conservative party. This includes the aristocrats, the proprietors of large estates and high officials of the old regime. The officials who have lost their positions and who are living from hand to mouth supply the party with force, are always ready for action, are energetic, eager for battle and even anxious for a fight.

The university people, both faculty and students, fed on the tradition of a policy of force, feel keenly the humiliation of defeat, and have ranged themselves solidly behind the idea of restoration of the German military power. The peasants form the mass of the party.

The leaders have capitalized certain elemental mental conditions for the purpose of building strength and organization. They exploit the bitterness of the former privileged classes, they play upon the resentment of the disbanded army, they wave the fear flag of bolshevism and excite the anti-Semite passion and the profound misery caused by the attitude of France toward the conquered. Hence they have linked to a common cause the fanatics, the discontented and the lovers of militarism.

The German newspapers, particularly the Deutsche Tageszeitung, aid in driving the masses to despair. They infuse them with the conviction that they have nothing more to lose, no matter what happens.

Even before the blood was coagulated in the German wounds, there

has been established an almost universal determination to reconquer the lost provinces, particularly upper Silesia and even Alsace-Lorraine. The old German imperialism is far from dead.

As against this attitude of the National party there battle the Democratic Socialists and Idealists who want to purge the country of revenge and who dream of a lasting peace in which the nations shall lie down together, the lions becoming lambs. Plus this is found the People's party, composed of many captains of industry, bold and resolute men who have financed Germany in the war and since the war, men who are making huge profits from the revival of industry and who are doing the best they can to conceal every dollar they make. While the Nationalists would be happy with revenge, the People's group would be content with revenue.

Briefly, the public mind is kept in a responsive condition by wise German economists, ready to be excited in whatever direction may be most useful. It must and will be moulded to suit the emergency of the hour, and that it will respond there can be no doubt. The lion and the lamb may lie down together, but sooner or later there can be only on answer—more graves, more suffering, more treachery and more sacrifice, thinks Lichtenberger.

There is no hurry about this thing, of course. A renewal of physical war is not probable in some time. The first phase of a struggle usually is political and economic.—Edward P. Howard.

A man who is never on time often buys things that way.



COST OF PUBLIC APATHY

Though the people of America are one hundred per cent opposed to any more taxation and are heartily sick of the burdens that have been placed on them, they fail utterly to make their feelings known with sufficient vigor to cause their representatives in congress to take notice.

Every man dodges the issue by saying to himself, "What's the use of my saying anything?" As Mark Twain said of the weather, "Everybody grows but nobody does anything."

The best authorities agree that additional federal taxation this year is unescapable. National receipts will be less than figured on and expenditures more. President Harding has announced an unbridled span of \$697,000,000, and if Great Britain fails to pay interest on money lent her here during the war the deficit will be \$900,000,000.

Against this may be deducted \$272,000,000 of the balance in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, and this spells additional taxation.

The farming interests are flatly opposed to a sales tax, the business interests shriek at the thought of screwing upon the corporation taxes, which undoubtedly would prove a final blow to a business revival. There remains then the income tax, now outrageously high, but standing out as "the best bet of the politicians."

If the public remain apathetic, as is its custom, then there will be no justification for complaint when the new burden is added.

It is questionable if any country in the world is as unscientific in its taxation as the United States. This is because the people refuse to take an interest in what is being done in their name.

Two hundred and sixty thousand farm families either made their first home garden or changed their previous ways of gardening in 1921 as a result of demonstrations of improved methods by agricultural extension workers, according to reports received by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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We are a people of big ideas, compared to the rest of the world, small faults. Europe is a continent encumbered with monumental faults and little ideas.

This is shown quite as much in her mechanical and inventive ingenuity as in her parliamentary practices.

The Swiss will make a very intricate and delicate watch which will do many things—ring bells, tell the time of tide, the season of the moon and still, as the Yankee would say, have a saucerful of wheels left over.

We make a pocket piece that keeps time. That's the main idea. That is what a watch is for.

The French and the Germans make more complicated cameras than any we produce. But we do what they don't; we put a simple little camera into every home, and collect the priceless snapshot memories of life as we live it.

These are but evidences of our tendencies. We get a big idea and use it.

Europe and Asia live largely in darkness because their schools have been for the select and the masses are illiterate. They seek to cultivate a few minds to superlative intelligence. We do no less, and we do vastly more; we cultivate all minds as far as we can encourage every one to go.

Behold the little red school house, the cornerstone of our greatness. It has done wonderful things for our country. Now it is going to do more.

Just about the time that Europe and Asia are beginning to get the essential idea we are pushing the little red school houses together into the big brick, modern, metropolitan consolidated school, with all its better teachers. Now we are making the school work play.

We are beginning to teach by eye as well as by ear. The film is going to be a better story teller of history and geography, a better revealer of biology and botany than any book.

For a long time we graded our pupils by averages, holding the bright boy back, which discourages the slow boy. But now comes Dr. A. H. Smith

erland, another pedagogue of distinction, who out in Los Angeles has demonstrated the value of de-grading our schools so that the slow boy is encouraged rather than discouraged, helped rather than handicapped, and the quick boy is not held back.

We're a long way ahead of the rest of the world, and we're going to keep a long way ahead.—Richard L. Jones.

Something to worry about: Vesta is the only one of the smaller planets which can be seen with the naked eye. Its diameter is only 300 miles and its whole surface but one-ninth that of Europe.

Once in a while you will find a girl who is so prudish she won't mention Eve's name because Eve never married Adam and was not a proper person to introduce to polite conversation.

City Boy—What's that, pa?
Father—That's a cow, sonny.
"And what's that on his head?"
"Those are horns."
They turned around and the cow moaned.
Boy—Which horn did he blow then, dad?

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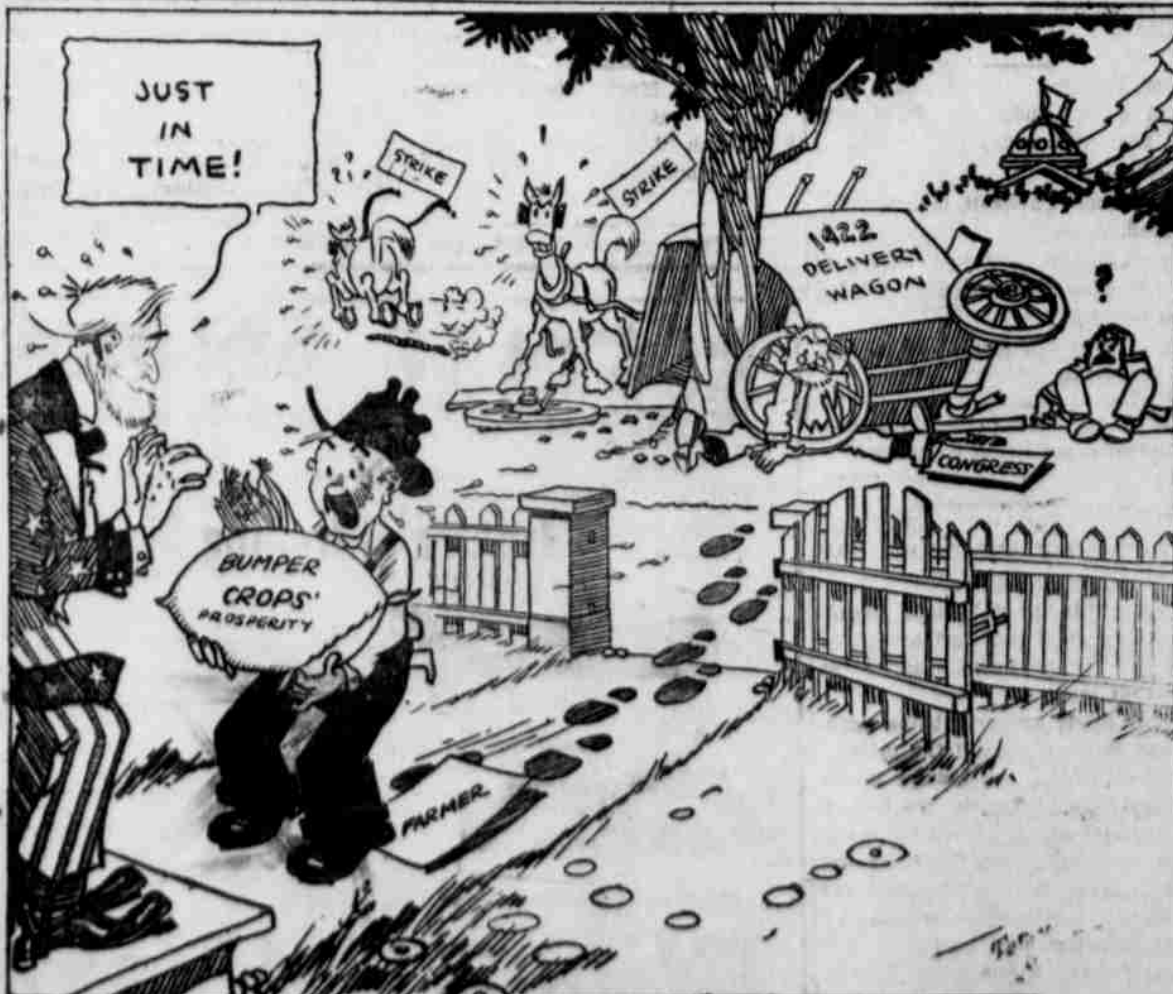
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